

**Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting
October 3, 2008**

I. Call to Order/Present: (Call to Order at 9:15 a.m.)

Board Members: David Alden, Paul Schulman, Paul Reiber, Rhoda Teplow, Susan Juhl, Susan Keller, Bette Goldfarb, Judy Tarbell

Absent:

Staff: Dalen Anderson.

Guests: Nancy Madden

Quorum Declared: Yes X No

II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the Board meetings on September 5 and September 18, 2008 approved as corrected.

III. Reports

A. Correspondence

None. There have been many favorable comments on CasparFest. Jug Handle Farm has announced a gorse workday co-sponsored with AmeriCorps from 10 to 2:00 on 10/18/08.

B. Treasurer

None.

C. Manager's Report

CERT training has been called off because of need to do it in Anderson Valley. The Tarbell's are reporting on 10/24 at 7:00 pm on their experience at the two political conventions. Tonight is the climate change talk, at 7:30 at the CCC. Two weddings are scheduled for this weekend. Dalen will be gone until next Sunday.

The floor sanding and refinishing will be done on October 12. Cost of the material will be about \$700.

John Trudell will be performing on October 25.

The playground committee will be doing food and a carnival for Halloween. They have also drafted a grant application for Tobacco Industry Funds.

The question was raised whether we are doing the 12 dinner raffle again for the November fund raising dinner/silent auction. It's not in motion yet but Judy Tarbell will organize it. We also need silent auction donations.

IV. Business

A. Kitchen Project

No news. Judy will check on the status of the loan.

B. Pavilion Update

More volunteers are needed. They should contact Paul Schulman. We need to clean the exterior of the mailboxes. Judy Tarbell will arrange it.

There will be motion sensor lights installed. The idea of skylights was rejected for cost reasons. It would affect the overall construction costs. Solar Tubes are possible, at a cost of about \$250 apiece. That can be revisited after structure is up and before the finished ceiling is installed.

We have enough in the budget to cover what we've spent plus the remaining anticipated materials. Also, we have paid the contractor John Wozniak for two weeks of work. But we will need more – probably about \$5000.00 – in order to fully pay him and complete the work.

It was proposed that we send a note to prior donors as well as the Caspar donor list generally to see if additional funds can be raised.

C. Gorse Control

A work party will be held on the headlands on Saturday Oct. 4 at 10:00. An email announcement will be sent.

Bette Goldfarb voiced her objection to the editing of her article, published in the last newsletter over her by-line. The Board acknowledged the mistake of publishing the edited version under Bette's name and apologized to her. There was considerable disagreement, however, with Bette's position that the editing had been inappropriate. There was considerable discussion of the appropriateness of Board members purporting to speak on behalf of "Caspar". It was suggested that the newsletter might contain an "Op/Ed" section for those who wanted to voice personal opinions without editing.

D. CasparFest

Profit from CasparFest appears to be slightly in excess of \$9000 and the event went very well. Should find a way of thanking all the donors of food and material.

E. Playground Equipment

A fund raising plan will be requested from the committee. Judy and Dalen will pursue this. The question of insurance coverage was discussed with our insurance agent. She believed there may in fact be some insurance issues, and will be working on the matter.

F. Disaster Preparation

We will be sending in the required form to get on the County's list of facilities capable of serving as disaster centers. The former disaster preparation committee has disbanded. Ray Duff is still interested in working on the matter. Bette Goldfarb will coordinate with Ray to see what, if anything, more we can do to move it forward.

G. Cob Oven Roof

Paul Garvin has offered to build a protective structure. However, he would like to be compensated (\$1500 plus \$500 for materials.) The board decided to table discussion on this and to investigate whether it could be done with volunteered labor and materials.

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:00 a.m.